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For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1881.

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OUR STOCK for the PRESENT SEASON is now Complete and Ready for

INSPECTION.

PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS CAKES, FANCY BISCUITS, FRUITS in NOYEAU, SYRUP or BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED and METZ FRUITS, ASSORTED CANDIED PEELS, MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, FRENCH PLUMS, FRENCH JAMS, JELLIES, &c.

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Hongkong, December 5, 1881. j15

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ROSE AND COMPANY,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, November 25, 1881. 26ja.82

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extra-

ORDINARY General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE will be Held at the Company's

OFFICE on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of

December, 1881, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, when the abovesigned Resolution,

which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Office held the 8th day of December, 1881, will be submitted for Confirmation as a special Resolution.

(Resolution.)

That the Company be wound up voluntarily as from the 31st December, 1881, under the Provisions of the

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

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BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

Rose's LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

FANCY STATIONERY.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

KENTISH COB NUTS.

EX STEAMER "Glenloch."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TESSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

EMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

PLUMBERS.

COCONUTINA.

NAN HOOTIN COCOA.

LIEBIG'S & EPIC COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BRAWNS.

ISIGNY BITTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

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"HEDDICK'S MONOPOLY & WHITE SEAL."

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JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

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SACCOF'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

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FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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DIRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APRICOT BUTTER.

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Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

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Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

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Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

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BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING AND SAIL MAKING promptly executed.

Hongkong, December 3, 1881.

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STEAM LAUNCHES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

THE Undersigned, being the Proper Owner of the following Five STEAM LAUNCHES named *Cum Long*, *Cum Sing*, *Cum Shoo*, *Cum Choo* and *Cum On*, now lying in Harbour, begs to inform the Public that they are always ready for Hire at a very reasonable and regular Charge either for special purposes or excursions. As regards *Cum Long*, *Cum Sing*, *Cum Shoo* and *Cum Choo*, (with the exception of *Cum On*, which was originally built in the Old Office a preferred Allotment of Shares in the New Company to the extent of their present interest in the Capital).

Applications for Shares should be addressed to the General Agents direct or through the several Agencies of the Old Office in the annexed form, and will be received in Hongkong, Shanghai and London until Saturday, the 24th instant, at noon.

The only Contract entered into by the Company is one with Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO, as General Agents.

Copies of the above Contract, and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected at the offices of Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO, and of Messrs BIGGERS & WORTON, Solicitors to the Company.

JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.

Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1881.

FORM OF APPEALMENT.

December 1st, 1881.
To MESSRS JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO,
General Agents of The Custom Insurance
Office, Limited,
Hongkong.

GENTLEMEN,

enclose you the sum of \$100, being a deposit of \$10 per Share on Shares in the above-named Company, and, request you to allot to me that number of Shares upon the terms of the Company's Prospectus, dated the 8th December, 1881, and hereby agree to accept the same or any smaller number that may be allotted to me, and to pay the balance of \$10 per Share on allotment as provided by the said Prospectus, and, authorize you to register as holder of the said Shares.

Agree to subscribe the Articles of Association when required.

Name in full _____
Address _____
Description _____
Date _____
Signature _____

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSENGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

C. R., No. 9, 1 case Flour, Order, from Marcellis.

Ex Amazone;

R. H. M. & S. 8/9-2 cases Merchandise, Order, from N. H. J. L.

A. H. H. (in cross) 13/15-2 cases Merchandise, Order, from London.

J. G. S. (in dia.) 11/15-2 cases Merchandise, Order, from London.

I. M. C. (in dia.) 4/6-3 cases Merchandise, Order, from London.

G. de Champeaux, Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1881.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of cloudy printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid 52 cents), \$12 per annum (postage paid \$12.50).

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Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

GENERAL desire having been expressed in favour of forming a Limited Company, of the old established CHINA MARINE INSURANCE OFFICE, known as THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, it has been decided to constitute a New Office, to commence business on 1st January, 1882, under the general management of Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO, of China.

All accounts relating to

Since the Spaniards took possession of Soo-loo, the natives have never ceased to give sometrouble to their conquerors by occasionally approaching the Spanish fortifications, sometimes in strong bodies, and firing a few shots; but invariably they have received a hot reception which compelled them to retreat with heavy losses. Now the country is more quiet, and under date of November 16th, a correspondent writes to the *Diable de Minas* as follows:

"Nothing is said now about the fanatics. I am told, nevertheless we cannot believe that the fanaticism has altogether disappeared, but it is owing no doubt to the bad results obtained by those who have approached us and the superstitious terror with which the Remingtons of our soldiers have affected them. The new Governor-Sheriff Gutierrez Soto came to obtain a triumph which were almost certain to a man of his character. The datto Pulu, who had never come to the town, has received in his fortifications, the visit of Colonel Gutierrez and consented, at the instance of the Colonel, to accompany him with his troops on his return up to India to his entrenchment. This is a victory; and will not perhaps be the last; as it is not improbable that the Sultan will find himself bound to visit the Governor in his own dwelling."

REGARDING THE LOSS OF THE CLAN MACDUFF

The Englishman writes:

In the list of persons drowned in the *Clan Macduff* are the names of a Mr and Miss Akhurst of London, described as unknown. Miss Akhurst was, so a London correspondent says, "the Miss Lester" of Miss Edith Wilson's ill-fated theatrical company.

She was the daughter of a wealthy wine-merchant in London, who desired nothing better than that she should live at home at ease. But the young lady contracted a passion for the stage, and when she decided on coming to India with Miss Edith Wilson's Troupe, her father bore her company, to ensure her protection and safe conduct. It is a sad episode in an altogether sad story.

REGARDING THE PROBABLE OUTTURN OF THE INDIA TEA CROP

Figures have now been received from the principal agents, to the extent of 43,000,000 lbs. On this quantity, we may fairly base an estimate as to what the export to the United Kingdom is likely to be for the Season of 1881. These returns would indicate that the total outturn will probably not be more than one million in excess of the crop of 1880, which was forty-six and a half millions. Putting down the exports to the Australian Colonies and America at three-quarters of a million pounds (which amount at least we have every reason to believe will be shipped), and putting down seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds for country consumption, this leaves for Great Britain an available total of forty-six million pounds."—*Englishman*.

The Governor of Kueichon seems to be of a sanguine temperament, to the judge from the following extract from the *Peking Gazette*, in which he promulgated a most elaborate scheme for the regeneration of the "Ever Victorious Army":

The Governor of Kueichon proposes that he should establish a corps, consisting of two hundred officers of strong physique and approved dexterity in martial exercises, with instructions to put the provincial troops through a regular course of drill and military tactics. The officers in question will receive extra remuneration for their services in this department, and will each be furnished with a government horse. The Lieutenant-Colonel of the Governor's Brigade will be given the command of the company thus constituted, and the Governor will himself be present at the drill once a month, and will distribute rewards among the more deserving of the soldiers. The emulsion thus engendered among the troops cannot fail, in the Governor's opinion, to be productive of the most beneficial results. Memorials further propose to make selections from the Government instructions which have from time to time been issued in relation to the art of war, and to combine with these a short comparison of ancient and modern strategy, which he will cause to be printed and read to the troops by their commanding officers during the intervals of relaxation from active exercise. The Governor will supplement these lectures by a full exposition of the aphorism, and an address which he will deliver on the conclusion of every monthly review, exhorting the soldiers to be loyal and true, and inciting them to deeds of bravery. In this way, by constant personal contact with the men, he will soon be able to distinguish between the valiant and the worthless characters, and advance the former in proportion to their deserts. At the same time, by this steady training, rebellious propensities will be eradicated, and a greater amenability to discipline will be instilled into the minds of the soldiers at large.

THE ENGLISHMAN publishes the following about Sir W. Lawson, the "funny man" of the House of Commons:

Sir Wilfrid Lawson is well known as a humourist of considerable power. He is one of the very few men that, no matter in which out-of-the-way corner of the kingdom he is announced to speak at, the *Times* will send a special correspondent to gather up the good things that usually fall from his lips. It may not, however, be so generally known, that his power of quaint verse-making is considerable, and that he is never at a loss for a quotation. Some of these verses are in private circulation. The last is an epithet on one of his short-horns, a herd of which he keeps up, and for many of which he pays fabulous prices. The epithet bull was called "Bacon Oxford" 6th and was bred by the Duke of Devonshire, and passed into Sir Wilfrid Lawson's possession for a long time. The animal was a useful and handsome one, but unfortunately it took ill and died; here is his epitaph:

"Here lies Bacon Oxford, quiet and cool, Bred by a Duke, and bought by a fool."

With regard to the following paragraph from the *United Service Gazette*, it seems to us likely that the route from Siberia thence referred to is the one to which the Russians are desirous of diverting their overland trade. The steamer *Batruck*, which traded from Shanghai some years since, was, we believe, originally intended to carry tea from Hankow to Vladivostock, and up a river in the neighbourhood of that station to a port, which would have made the land carriage to the Amur very short. The heavy transport charges recently imposed by the Tientsin authorities have recently brought this route via Vladivostock into prominence again, and it may be that the Russian officers were able to give information that would be serviceable to the commercial as well as to the military interests of their country.

"It is impossible not to admire the adroitness which Russians display in obtaining information of a military or political character. The position of the southern portion of the province of the Amur is well known. It lies between Manchuria and the Pacific, and thus cuts off a large slice of China from the coast, which was the object of view when the Russians annexed it. On the other hand, Manchuria cuts off the South Amur from direct communication with Central Siberia. So much is this the case that while the Russian road from the Trans-Siberian region to Vladivostock is 3,600 miles long, a short cut through Manchuria is less than half that distance. The Russians know less about this short route than they would like, so a few months ago they dressed up some staff officers as horse dealers, and sent them into China with a herd of horses, bound for Vladivostock. The trick succeeded without the Chinese once suspecting it, and the Intelligence Department is now in possession of full information of a road that would be largely made use of in the event of a Russo-Chinese war."—*N. C. D. News*.

LAWN TENNIS.

HONG-KONG & SINGAPORE.

A match at Lawn Tennis was played on the Cricket-Ground this afternoon between Lieutenant J. G. Mayne, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Mr A. B. Tomkins of Hong-kong; and Lieutenant R. S. Hodley, Royal Engineers and Mr J. G. R. d'Almeida of Singapore; the former couple winning by 3 sets to 1, being the best of 5 sets.

The characters that were written on the wrapping:

LEUNG ANAM, a seaman on the steam-launch, said that he saw the defendant with his hand under last witness's jacket; while they were both on board as passengers.

Defendant said he saw the complainant take out his purse when he paid his passage money. He put the purse down beside his hand, and the last witness took it up. Last witness went ashore, and defendant followed him and asked him for a share, and as he would not divide the spoil he took it from him with the intention of returning it to complainant. He admitted a previous conviction of larceny in March last.

The following were the results:

First set—Hongkong, 6 games.
Singapore, 2
Second set—Hongkong, 2
Singapore, 6
Third set—Hongkong, 6
Singapore, 3
Fourth set—Hongkong, 6
Singapore, 3

Considerable surprise was expressed at the collapse of the Singaporeans, and it was hoped that a return match might shortly be played, when an opportunity would be given them of again trying conclusions with their opponents.

Law Notice.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

(Before the Hon. Francis Shand, Acting Chief Justice.)

IN BANKRUPTCY.—Friday, 16th Dec., 11 a.m.—In the matter of F. A. C. Hahn, a bankrupt; bankrupt to come up for his adjourned last examination.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

Thursday, Dec. 16th.

LAWCERY.

Wong Ajo, a boatman, was charged with stealing a chopper valued at fifty cents, on the 15th instant.

Wang Fuk Chang, master of a cargo boat, said he saw defendant come on board the Praya Central between five and six o'clock this morning, and after picking up the chopper walk off with it.

Defendant said he went to complainant last night to borrow a few candlesticks from him, but as he was refused he took the chopper this morning.

Ten days' imprisonment with hard labour.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Chan Asz, and ten others, were charged with public gambling on the 14th instant in a house in Circular Pathway.

Inspector Matheson said he went to No. 37 Circular Pathway yesterday afternoon in company with Inspector Lindsay and a party of police. He entered the house by virtue of a warrant he held, and found the whole of the defendants standing round a table. On the table were arranged a mat with dice, dominoes, counters, money basket, scales, cups &c., twenty cents in silver and a quantity of cash. The money was in a cup in front of the first prisoner who was managing the game, while the second prisoner was taking charge of the counters. Witness succeeded in getting into the house before he was observed, and was consequently able to arrest the whole of the men before any attempt was made to escape. None of the defendants belong to the house, and there was no furniture in the place except a sleeping bench.

Cheung Ting, a bricklayer unemployed, said he had gone to the same house on the 13th instant and there found over twenty men gambling. The first defendant was conducting the game on that occasion, and the second acted as banker. Witness lost \$10, and reported the matter to the police the next day.

The excuses of the several defendants were of the usual varied character, playing for amusement, looking for friends, &c.

First defendant was fined \$100, or six months' imprisonment with hard labour; the second and seventh, who had a previous conviction, \$50 or four months' imprisonment with hard labour; and the remainder \$15 each or six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour. The money found in the place was also ordered to be forfeited, and \$15 of the fines, if paid, to be given to the informer.

AN INCORPORATE BOUCHE AND VAGABOND.

John Murray, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being a rogue and vagabond.

Sergeant Hennessy said he found defendant lying asleep in Upper Lascar Row at half past two o'clock this morning. He had known defendant for the past fourteen months during which period he had been in goal thirteen times for drunkenness and vagrancy, varied occasionally with an assault on the police. When not in goal he slept in the street. He used to go to the Refuge, but that is now closed.

Defendant admitted that he was lying in the street, and also the previous convictions recorded against him.

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

NO JUSTIFICATION.

Cheung Anam, an accountant, was charged on suspicion of the larceny of \$353 on board the steamer *Helios* on the 13th instant.

Chu Lin Ching, a passenger by the steamer from Malacca to this port, said he had a box board with him which contained \$353. He was on deck on the evening of the 13th, the day before arrival here, with a friend smoking opium. The box in question was only a short distance from where he was. It was covered with a mat, and when he went to his box it seemed to be all right, but he afterwards discovered that the hinge had been torn from it and was broken. Defendant was a passenger on board from Singapoore. He slept on top of witness's box.

The case was on that occasion remanded till this morning, when on its being resumed Inspector Thomson said that the steamer

was an Austro-Hungarian, and sailed under that flag. If the robbery complained of had taken place it must have been committed on the high seas, as the vessel arrived here about noon on the 12th, while the complainant reported the theft to the Captain of the ship at eight o'clock that morning, and at that time the vessel must have been from 30 to 40 miles distant from Hongkong. From what the Captain had said to witness it seems that complainant had lost about \$200 by gambling during the voyage; but whether any money had been stolen from him or not could not be ascertained.

The case was, under these circumstances, dismissed.

A RECRUICER.

Wong Achai, a bargee, was charged with stealing \$3 and some broken silver from the cabin of a junk master on the 14th instant.

Ngan Aning, said that he was a passenger yesterday, from Victoria to Yuen-Tau. When arriving at Yuen-Tau he waited till the 10.25 a.m. of the following day, the Viceroy was again at Taku, much pleased with the cruises, his visit, and the various and—no doubt—novel incidents of a voyage that greatly interested him. The alphabetical gunboats manned yards, salutes were fired, and His Excellency proceeded to Tianjin.

Before the Viceroy left Taku, Admiral

embarked, and having transacted official business in connection with this his first visit to the new war-port, gave orders to get ready for return to Taku. Before the vessels got under weigh, the Siamese electric lights, with which both vessels were fitted, were prepared for use. The two lights were displayed with wonderful effect, as the *Chao-ting* lit up the interior of the harbour, and the *Yung-tei* lit up the port entrance, so that all objects stood out as clear as in bright daylight. After two

hours of varied experiments, during which the Viceroy often with his own hands directed the *Chao-ting*'s light, the vessels were put under steam, and at 11 p.m. being clear of the land and outlying reefs, course was laid for Taku bar, a distance of 176 knots. The night was clear, but a strong head wind and tumbling sea—relics of the recent storm—impeded the vessels; yet in spite of all hindrance, their rate was steadily kept up at 16 knots per hour. At 2.15 a.m. of the following day, the Viceroy was again at Taku, much pleased with the cruises, his visit, and the various and—no doubt—novel incidents of a voyage that greatly interested him. The alphabetical gunboats manned yards, salutes were fired, and His Excellency proceeded to Tianjin.

In consideration for careful charge of officers and crews sent to England in the C. M. S. N. Co.'s vessel *Haw-shi*, for conduct of affairs entrusted to him in England for successful voyage to China in command of the cruises, and for the excellent discipline and condition of the men and officers, was promoted to the rank of Commander-in-Chief of the Northern division of the Imperial Chinese navy. All the officers and men, native and foreign, employed in the business have been recommended for rewards.—*N. C. D. News*.

THE FOREIGN TRADE OF CHINA FOR 1880.

In Part I. of the Imperial Maritime Customs Trade Reports for the last year, recently published, Mr J. Acheson gives one of the most exhaustive general reviews of the Trade for the year that we have yet met with. His preliminary observations are so sensible and suggestive that we reproduce them:

The state of unusual prosperity which marked the year 1879, due as it was to the combined action of causes which but rarely unite their influence, made it almost certain that that reaction would follow, and that the year immediately succeeding would witness a considerable falling off in commercial welfare. This to a great extent happened. Even before the close of 1879 the briskness in some branches of the trade had considerably subsided, and 1880 opened with some important markets overstocked to a degree that might have been considered as auguring serious diminution in the Imports and Exports of the year. But the Foreign trade of China is essentially progressive; yearly increasing wealth and population in the West extends the use of Tea and silk, while the growing appreciation of Foreign ideas and appliances tends to promote an increasing demand among the Chinese for the manufactures of the West. It is a matter worthy of note, however, that the growth of the trade has not at all been accompanied by corresponding increase in guineas to those who conduct it, as it may be said that during the last twenty years profits have been steadily becoming less, while the value of the commerce has been steadily increasing. The history of the past two years exemplifies this fact, sufficiently, for the trade of the year under review, although on the whole considerably greater than that of the year preceding, was not nearly so prosperous, but brought in many cases disappointment and loss to merchants, and was often given elsewhere that it is needful to enter into detail of the various causes of this result.

The following are the chief causes of the decline in the foreign trade of China:

1. The increased cost of production.

2. The increased cost of transport.

3. The increased cost of insurance.

4. The increased cost of capital.

5. The increased cost of labour.

6. The increased cost of raw materials.

7. The increased cost of machinery.

8. The increased cost of shipping.

9. The increased cost of insurance.

10. The increased cost of capital.

11. The increased cost of labour.

12. The increased cost of raw materials.

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32. The increased cost of shipping.

33. The increased cost of insurance.

34. The increased cost of capital.

35. The increased cost of labour.

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
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GILMAN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. [Signature]

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Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

[Signature]

INSURANCES.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS: DEC. 15, 1881.

| Stocks. | No. of Shares | Value | Paid up | Reserv. | Working Account | Last Dividends | Quotations | Units |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| BANKS. | | | | | | | | |
| JHK. and Shad. Bank | 40,000 | \$ 125 | 125 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 3,734.00 | 30/- | 120 1/2 | per cent. |
| INSURANCES. | | | | | | | | |
| Nth. China Ins. 1,000 Tl. | 2,000 | Tl. 600 | Tl. 238,600 | Tl. 251,064.91 | Tl. 75 | Tl. 115 p. sh. | | |
| Yungtze Lin. 9,200 Tl. | 350 | Tl. 350 | Tl. 50 | Tl. 488.76 | Tl. 12 | Tl. 850 | | |
| Union Ins. Soc. 609 | 5 | 2,500 | 500 | 5 | 457,088.58 | 144.27 | \$ 1,600 | |
| China Traders | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance 603,816,665.68 | 500 | \$ 500 | 475,000 | \$ 70,278.43 | 20/- | \$ 1,550 | | |
| Chinese Ins. Co. 1,500 | 8 | 1,000 | 200 | 100,378.8 | 42,609.79 | 10/- | \$ 290 | |
| China Fire Ins. 2,000 | 8 | 1,000 | 200 | 761,812.8 | 226,847.81 | 87/- | \$ 820 | |
| China Fire Ins. 4,000 | 8 | 500 | 100 | 843,029.08 | 103,029.08 | 18/- | \$ 895 | |
| JHK. C. and M. | | | | | | | | |
| Steamboat 8,600 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 75 | 110,000 | ... | 6/- | \$ 23 per cent. |
| China Coast S. | | | | | | | | |
| Navigation 5,000 | TL | 100 | TL | 100 | TL 78,932 | TL 31,474.01 | 16/- | \$ |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | | | | |
| JHK. & Wh. Ass. | | | | | | | | |
| Dock 10,000 | 8 | 125 | 8 | 125 | 8 | 28,760 | 4/- | 130 1/2 per cent. |
| Gas Co. 8,000 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 7,489 | ... | ... |
| Tea 2,000 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 821 | \$ 800 p. share | ... |
| China Sugar Co. 6,000 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 812 | \$ 815 | ... |
| Hkong Ice Co. 1,200 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 100 | 8 | 840 | \$ 840 p. share | ... |
| Hkong Baker 600 | 8 | 50 | 8 | 50 | 8 | 3,161 | \$ 5 | \$ 850 |
| Postage. | | | | | | | | |
| Interest. | | | | | | | | |
| Ch. Imp. 1574 | 6 | 276 | 6 | 100 | all | 8/- | June 30 Dec 31 | |
| 1574 16,040 | 2 | 100 | 2 | 100 | 2 | 8/- | Feb 28 Apr 31 | |
| 1881 3,899 | 11 | 300 | 11 | 300 | 11 | 8/- | April & June | |
| 1881 8,565 | 11 | 300 | 11 | 300 | 11 | 8/- | June & Dec | 23 1/2 per cent. |
| Stamps 1500 | 600 | \$ 300,000 | 100 | 8 | 8 | 8 | June & Dec | 3 1/2 per cent. |
| For year 1880. | | | | | | | | |
| EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker. | | | | | | | | |
| MAILS. | | | | | | | | |
| CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED). | | | | | | | | |
| ACCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. | | | | | | | | |
| TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE. | | | | | | | | |
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| STEAMSHIP COMPANY. | | | | | | | | |
| THE S. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama on FRIDAY, the 16th December, 1881, at 3 p.m. | | | | | | | | |
| THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED. | | | | | | | | |
| HEAD OFFICE, 1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON. | | | | | | | | |
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| ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong, May 3, 1881. | | | | | | | | |
| NOTICE. | | | | | | | | |
| COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS. | | | | | | | | |
| STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAELIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSELLA, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA. | | | | | | | | |
| Also. | | | | | | | | |
| BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS. | | | | | | | | |
| ON MONDAY, the 19th of December, 1881, at noon, the Company's S. S. "BELMONT," Commandant M. Boncristiano, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places. | | | | | | | | |
| Cargo and Specie will be registered for London, as well as for Marseilles, and accepted for transit through Marseilles for the principal ports of Europe. | | | | | | | | |
| Shipping Orders will be granted until noon of 18th December. | | | | | | | | |
| Carriage will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 18th December, 1881. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) | | | | | | | | |
| For further particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, PHAYA CENTRAL, West Corner Pettinger Street. | | | | | | | | |
| H. J. H. TRIPPE, Agent. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong, December 13, 1881. | | | | | | | | |
| NOTICE. | | | | | | | | |
| POSSIBILITIES. | | | | | | | | |
| CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. | | | | | | | | |
| THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:— | | | | | | | | |
| Marine Department. | | | | | | | | |
| Policies issued at present rates, either in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia. | | | | | | | | |
| Life Department. | | | | | | | | |
| Policies issued for sum not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates. | | | | | | | | |
| HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong, July 26, 1881. | | | | | | | | |
| NOTICE. | | | | | | | | |
| QUEEN FIRM INSURANCE COMPANY. | | | | | | | | |
| THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1/2 per cent. act. premium per annum. | | | | | | | | |
| NORTON & CO., Agents. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong, May 19, 1881. | | | | | | | | |
| PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN. | | | | | | | | |